(a) the yearly freight collection from power stations and State Electricity Boards; and

(b) the outstanding amount to be collected from these units and the action proposed to be taken for speedy recovery of the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

**Pending Power Projects of Orissa**

1842. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT OF FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending power projects of Orissa for the environmental clearance;

(b) whether there has been an inordinate delay in the clearance of these proposals;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in clearing the project; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the clearance of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A project relating to a captive power plant of the National Aluminium Company is pending for environmental clearance.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Reconstruction of Bridges at Mylam**

1843. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to re-construct the old overbridges at Mylam and Nedumpayikulam on Quilon-Madras meter-gauge line;

(b) if so, when this work is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The State Government has indicated their desire for the over-bridge to be rebuilt, in order to improve the alignment of approach roads. The work can, however, be undertaken by the Railways on deposit terms after the necessary formalities are completed and the estimated cost of the work deposited by the State Government.

**Development of Kottayam Station, Kerala**

1844. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of RALWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to provide necessary passenger facilities alongwith shaded platforms at Kottayam station in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when the construction work of such facilities is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Passenger Amenities at stations are provided as per prescribed norms based on the volume of traffic dealt with subject to availability of funds and relative needs of various stations. Works of raising the platforms to high level and extension of platform sheds on platforms No. 2 and 3 have already been taken up and the same are expected to be completed during 1992-93.

**Cleaning of Yamuna**

1845. SHRIMATI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the preliminary project proposals for various pollution abatement schemes with particular reference to cleaning of Yamuna approved by the Union Government so far;

(b) whether the work of cleaning has been started;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the cost involved therein; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d). The scheme for pollution abatement of river Yamuna is under formulation. Details in this regard are being worked out.

[*Translation*]

**Seizure of Spurious and Sub-Standard Drugs**

1846. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sub-standard and spurious drugs seized from January 1989 to October 1989, State-wise, and the action taken against the blacklisted companies;

(b) whether complaints of deaths due to the said spurious and sub-standard drugs have been received;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to enact any legislation in this regard; and

(d) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per the information available, a statement giving details of spurious and substandard drugs reported during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 is attached.

Action against companies manufacturing spurious/sub-standard drugs is taken by the State Government as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder.

(b) No complaints of deaths due to spurious or substandard drugs have been reported during 1989.

(c) and (d). To strengthen the punitive measures, the Drugs & Cosmetics Act was amended in 1982 to include imprisonment for a term of not less than 5 years extending to a term of live and with fin of not less the tonthousnad rupees for manufacture, sale of distribution of a drug which is likely to cause beath or grievous hurt..